

MARLBORO COUNTY COUNCIL

MARLBORO COUNTY CONFERENCE ROOM

THURSDAY, JULY 8, 2004

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CHAIRMAN: KEN ALLEN

VICE CHAIRMAN : MARION WRIGHT

ADMINISTRATOR: ANNA H. CATON

ATTORNEY: DONNIE MCDONALD

COUNCIL: * JEAN W. MCLEAN, JEFF QUICK,
DISTRICT 3 - VACANT, * CORRIE H. PLATO,
* DR. CAROLYN PRINCE, KEN ALLEN,
EDMOND BLUE, AND MARION WRIGHT

* ABSENT

CALL TO ORDER

INVOCATION

PRESENTATIONS

Mr. Billy Weatherly, Tax Assessor made a brief presentation. He said that the immediate concern for the Tax Assessor's office is to get tax books straight for 2004. He updated Council members on the Mobile Home situation . He updated Council members on progress with the tax maps.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – JUNE 10, 2004

Motion made by Mr. Jeff Quick, seconded by Mr. Marion Wright approving the minutes of June 10, 2004. Vote in favor. Unanimous. Motion carried.

PUBLIC HEARING

FY 2003 LLEBG (LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT BLOCK GRANT)

Mrs. Anna Caton, County Administrator briefly discussed. She advised this is a grant which was applied for last summer, a federal grant to purchase vehicles for the Sheriff's office.

OLD BUSINESS

ORDINANCE # 584 – AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE AGREEMENT FOR DEVELOPMENT OF MULTI-COUNTY INDUSTRIAL AND BUSINESS PARK BY AND BETWEEN DARLINGTON COUNTY AND MARLBORO COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA, PROVIDING FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF A JOINTLY OWNED AND OPERATED INDUSTRIAL/BUSINESS PARK SO AS TO INCLUDE ADDITIONAL PROPERTY IN MARLBORO COUNTY AS PART OF THE JOINT COUNTY INDUSTRIAL PARK, AND OTHER MATTERS RELATING THERETO – SECOND READING

Motion made by Mr. Jeff Quick, seconded by Mr. Marion Wright approving the second reading of Ordinance # 584 – An Ordinance to amend the agreement for development of Multi-County Industrial and Business Park by and between Darlington County and Marlboro County, South Carolina, providing for the development of a jointly owned and operated Industrial/Business Park so as to include additional property in Marlboro County as part of the joint County Industrial Park, and other matters relating thereto. Vote in favor. Unanimous. Motion Carried.

ORDINANCE # 585 – AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF A FEE IN LIEU OF TAX AGREEMENT BETWEEN MARLBORO COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA, AS LESSOR, AND J.L. ANDERSON, CO., D/B/A PALMETTO BRICK COMPANY; AND OTHER MATTERS RELATING THERETO INCLUDING, WITHOUT LIMITATION, PAYMENT OF A FEE IN LIEU OF TAXES – SECOND READING.

Motion made by Mr. Marion Wright, seconded by Mr. Edmond Blue approving the second reading of Ordinance # 585 – An Ordinance authorizing the execution and delivery of a fee in lieu of tax agreement between Marlboro County, South Carolina, as lessor, and J.L. Anderson, Co., D/B/A Palmetto Brick Company; and other matters relating thereto including, without limitation, payment of a fee in lieu of taxes. Vote in favor. Unanimous. Motion Carried.

NEW BUSINESS

RESOLUTION # 04-06-01 – A RESOLUTION TO RESCIND THE PERSONNEL POLICIES AND PROCEDURES OF MARLBORO COUNTY REVISED EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 16, 2003.

Mrs. Anna Caton discussed briefly. She advised that the Law Firm recommended the changes to the Disclaimer – Employment at Will. This was the only change. Employees would be required to sign for manual.

Motion made by Mr. Marion Wright, seconded by Jeff Quick approving Resolution # 04-06-01 – A Resolution to rescind the Personnel Policies and Procedures of Marlboro County revised effective October 16, 2003. Vote in favor. Unanimous. Motion Carried.

RESOLUTION 04-06-02 – A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE PERSONNEL POLICIES AND PROCEDURES OF MARLBORO COUNTY EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY UPON PASSAGE, JULY 8, 2004.

Motion made by Mr. Jeff Quick, seconded by Mr. Marion Wright approving Resolution # 04-06-02 - A Resolution to approve the Personnel Policies and Procedures of Marlboro County effective immediately upon passage, July 8, 2004. Vote in favor. Unanimous. Motion Carried.

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE REPORT

Mrs. Anna Caton, County Administrator updated Council on proposals for the Detention Center. She advised that the Public Safety Committee wanted to review the Medical Proposals further before making a recommendation to Council at next Council meeting. The committee recommends that the Food Service bid offered by ABL be accepted with a one year agreement to be reviewed at the next budget process.

Motion made by Mr. Jeff Quick, seconded by Mr. Edmond Blue approving acceptance of the Food Service Bid offered by ABL Management with a one year agreement to be reviewed during the next year budget process. Vote in favor. Unanimous. Motion Carried.

APPROVAL OF BIDS – VARIOUS SUPPLIES

Food Service Bid was approved by Council.

Council recommended that all bids concerning the Painting of the Exterior of the Courthouse and Removal and relocation of the Sundial and Time Capsule be rejected and rebid.

TOWN OF CLIO – REQUEST PERMISSION TO SERVE AREAS OUTSIDE ITS MUNICIPAL LIMITS FOR WATER

Council was advised by County Attorney, Donnie McDonald that the Town of Clio did not need Council's permission to proceed. Discussion was tabled.

Motion made by Mr. Marion Wright, seconded by Mr. Jeff Quick approving entering into Executive Session. Vote in favor. Unanimous. Motion carried.

Motion made by Mr. Marion Wright, seconded by Mr. Jeff Quick approving leaving Executive Session to reenter Open Session. Vote in favor. Unanimous. Motion carried.

Chairman, Ken Allen advised that no decisions had been made, no votes had been taken.

Motion made by Mr. Jeff Quick, seconded by Mr. Marion Wright to add the City of Bennettsville's request for an Opportunity Grant to the Agenda. Vote in Favor. Unanimous. Motion Carried.

Motion made by Mr. Jeff Quick, seconded by Mr. Marion Wright to approve signing the document contingent upon the City of Bennettsville to provide all local match on all the projects except the Landscaping of the Courthouse and the PDRTA program. Vote in favor. Motion carried.

Motion made by Mr. Jeff Quick, seconded by Mr. Edmond Blue to add an item to the Agenda concerning Representative Douglas Jennings request for a consulting firm for I-73 and other Economic projects for Marlboro County. Vote in favor. Unanimous. Motion carried.

Motion made by Mr. Jeff Quick, seconded by Mr. Edmond Blue to accept Representative Douglas Jennings request to hire a Consulting Firm for Economic Development and the I-73 projects in Marlboro County at no expense to the County. Vote in favor. Unanimous. Motion carried.

APPOINTEMENTS OF BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

Motion made by Mr. Marion Wright, seconded by Mr. Edmond Blue to accept the resignation of Mr. Bill Fleming from the Economic Development Partnership Board as Chairman. Vote in favor. Unanimous. Motion carried.

Motion made by Mr. Marion Wright, seconded by Mr. Jeff Quick to approve the appointment of Mr. Hubert Meggs as Chairman of the Economic Development Partnership Board to fill out the term left vacant by Mr. Fleming. Vote in Favor. Unanimous. Motion carried.

REPORTS

ADMINISTRATIVE/FINANCIAL REPORT – ANNA H. CATON, COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

Mrs. Caton advised that preliminary expenditures are at 94% - should be completed by next week.

Mrs. Caton updated Council on the Mobile Home Registration process. We distributed approximately 500 notices. Revenue generated was \$11,806 with expenditures of \$7670.60. We have identified 2033 mobile homes with 1382 unregistered.

She advised that we are working with the County Highway Commission concerning citizen's issues of paving various roads. Mr. Crow has advised of a format he would like us to follow with information he would need in order to consider paving these roads. Mr. Sidney Wallace, Public Works Director is working on gathering the information needed.

She advised that Workers Compensation rates did increase by more than 18% which was expected. Rates increased to \$131,686 from approximately \$80,000 last year. She advised that this did include the Volunteer Fire Departments, in which their part would be taken from the Fire fund. She advised that our Risk Management Plan did need to be implemented as soon as possible.

She advised several avenues which can be considered concerning the Gas and Diesel situation. She said we are checking on a keyless system. The Department Heads would be responsible for assigning the gas for mowers and equipment.

She advised Council of the Rural Workforce Development (under Northeastern Technical College) request to place the two mobile homes County turned down several months ago behind the Satellite campus and would like the County to place crush & run on the walkways, underpin them and paint. She advised that we do not have any crush and run available. She recommended that we offer inmate labor with them furnishing the materials.

Council advised that the reason we did not accept the trailers was because we did not want to maintain them. They advised that we respond in this matter and advised Mrs. Caton to send a letter to this effect and to offer inmate labor for painting as long as they purchase the paint and provide supervision. Mr. McDonald also advised that we advise them to check with the city concerning zoning.

She advised Council of a request of the District Health Department that the County consider bidding and over seeing the renovation and construction of a new Vital Records Office at the Health Department with the State providing the funds for the project. She stated it would be simpler for the County to handle the project with entering into a contract with the State Health Department to over see the project – they would pay us the funds. We have done projects such as this before. Council members agreed to proceed.

Mrs. Caton advised Council of two issues which will be addressed by the Planning Commission – (1) moving mobile homes older than 1976 within the county and (2) clarification on set backs for poultry houses.

She advised there are three (3) vacancies on the Planning Commission Board which need to be filled. All vacancies are at-large positions – they can come from anywhere in the County.

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Mrs. Caton advised Council that the Website project is moving ahead. We anticipate that the site will be up but not complete by next Council meeting.

She advised of Mr. Grady Sampson's request to holding flea market or yard sales at the Farmer's Market several times a year to bring in customers.

She advised of a call received from Pee Dee Coalition in which the Children's Defense Funds hosts a children's camp during the summer. The Children's Defense fund has offered to place several tables in the Courthouse to provide literature, coffee & donuts and to promote the existence of the Pee Dee Coalition in the community. They will request that the public bring in household goods or can goods for the Pee Dee Coalition. She stated she advised that the Courthouse may not be the appropriate place – we could possibly accommodate them here. Council agreed that whatever she worked out would be agreeable to them.

RECOGNITION OF CITIZEN'S REQUEST

No discussion was held.

RECOGNITION OF COUNCIL MEMBERS

No discussion was held.

ADJOURNMENT

There was no further discussion. The meeting was adjourned.

Minutes were adopted, August 12, 2004

Susan E. Rivers, Clerk to Council